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Sir:

Please accept the following remarks in response to the final Office Action mailed August 26, 2002:

**Remarks**

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. The Examiner has maintained his rejections of claims 1, 2, 9, 11, 13 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,787,175 to Carter (Carter). The Examiner has maintained his rejection of claims 3-5 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carter in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,798,360 to Feistel (Feistel). The Examiner objected to claims 6, 8, 12 and 14 as being

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